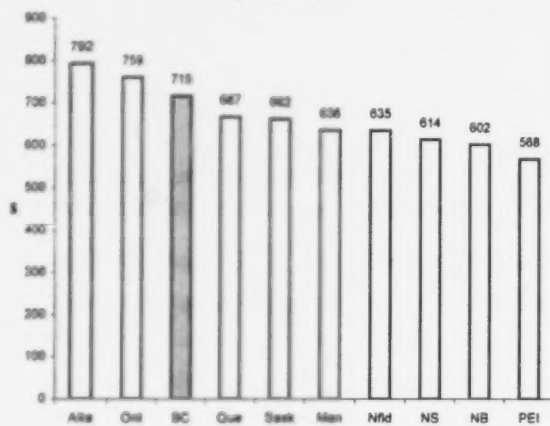


Earnings & Employment Trends ♦ July 2006

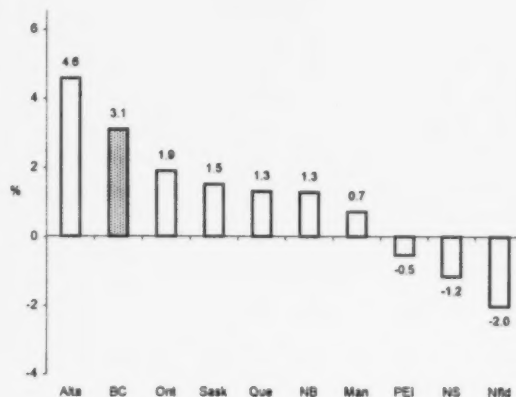
Average Weekly Wage Rate* - July 2006

by Province

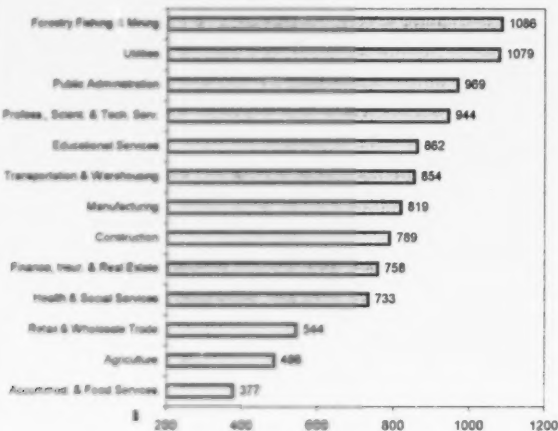


Employment Growth* - July 2006

by Province

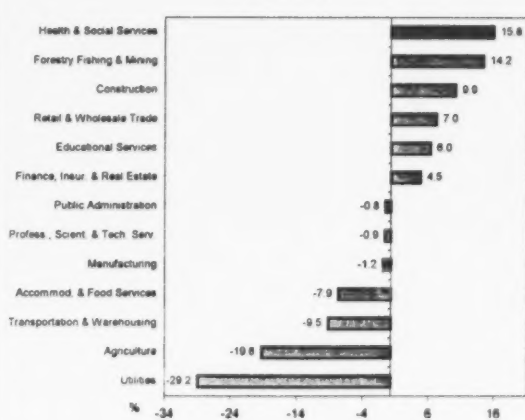


by Industry



* Latest 12 month average

by Industry



* Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Prepared by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

Feature Article: BC's Construction Labour Boom

BC's Construction Labour Boom

By Martin Monkman

Two and a half years of growth in construction labour

A doubling of housing starts in BC in from 2001 to 2005¹ and a 25% jump in investment in non-residential building construction during 2005² are two clear signs that BC is in the midst of a construction boom. Across BC, news outlets are reporting that significant construction projects are experiencing delays and cost pressures for a single reason: a shortage of skilled construction trades workers.³

In 2005, the number of people employed in the construction industry rose 16.7% to 168,000. This followed an even bigger jump of 20.2% in 2004.

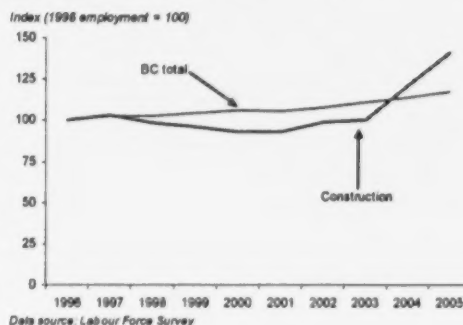
This growth is continuing in 2006. July again saw a year-over-year increase in the number of BC residents working in the construction industry. This was the 33rd consecutive month with an increase over the same month of the previous year.

Construction: nearly half of all new jobs in BC

The construction boom is playing a huge part in BC's total job growth. In 2004 and 2005, new jobs in the construction industry accounted for 42% of the new jobs in the provincial economy.

Since 2003 the number of people working in the construction industry has boomed, but the long-term trend in BC is quite a different tale.

After a decade-long slump, construction employment in BC has boomed



The number of people employed in the construction industry grew modestly to 123,000 in 1997, but then fell year-over-year from 1998 to 2001. That year the number of construction workers employed in the industry bottomed out at just under 111,000.

In 2002 and 2003 growth was modest, but since then, double-digit growth has swelled the number to 168,000.

Construction earnings and hours stall

In spite of the rapid expansion in the number of workers in the construction industry in 2005, average weekly earnings fell slightly (-0.7%) to \$779. This drop was due entirely to the third consecutive annual decline in the average hourly wage (to \$19.57), with the length of the work week remaining unchanged at 36.2 hours.

¹ Canadian Housing & Mortgage Corporation, *Residential building activity – 2005*, April 2006, p.16.

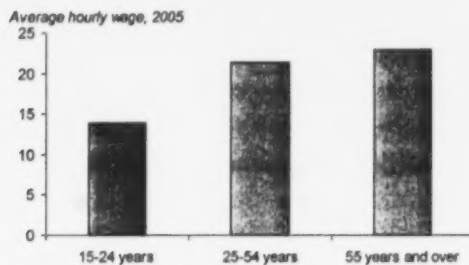
² BC Stats, *Infoline*, Issue 06-21, May 26, 2006, p.1.

³ "Skills shortage hampers Jubilee upgrade", *The Daily Courier* (Kelowna), Page A01, May 29, 2006.

The construction industry is growing largely through the introduction of young, relatively inexperienced workers. Since 2000, the proportion of workers aged 15-24 has grown from 9.8% of the industry to 17.1%. In absolute terms, the number of young workers has jumped from 10,900 to 28,800 in the past five years, and they account for almost one out of every three new workers in the industry.

It is important to note that young workers in the industry are paid approximately 35% less than their older counterparts. As the proportion of lower-paid young workers grows, the overall average earnings drops.

Young workers are paid significantly less

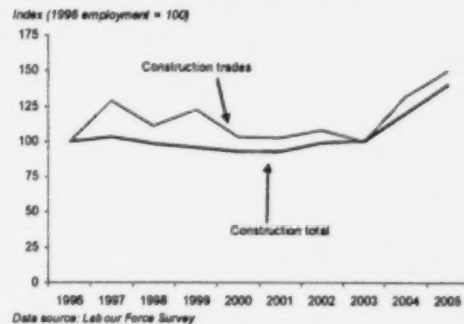


Data source: Labour Force Survey

Skilled workers in construction

A substantial part of the construction industry is made up of skilled workers in construction trades. During the current boom the proportion of construction trades workers employed in the industry has grown only slightly slower than the overall increase in employment.

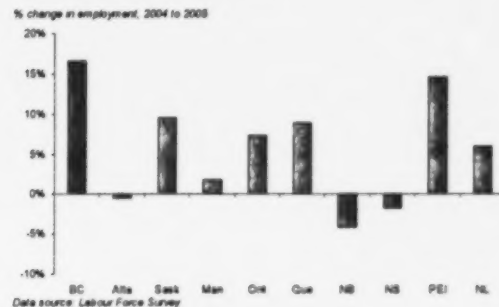
Growth in construction trades employment keeping pace with the industry as a whole



BC's boom leads Canada

BC's 16.7% growth in construction employment in BC led Canada during 2005. The next-largest increase was recorded in PEI, with growth of 14.2%.

BC's growth leads Canada



During 2005, employment in construction in Alberta fell slightly (-0.5%) after seven consecutive annual increases. BC is also the only province where the increases have been greater than 10% in the past two years.

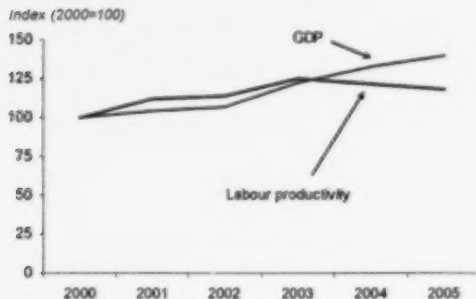
In spite of the drop in average weekly earnings, BC construction workers earn more per week than any others in Canada except those in Alberta and Ontario.

On an hourly basis, the earnings of construction workers in Ontario led the country (\$21.26/hour), while those in Newfoundland & Labrador had the longest average work week (43.2 hours). By comparison, BC workers were fourth in hourly wage rate, and only construction workers in Quebec worked a shorter week.

Output climbs, but productivity falls during the construction boom

The construction industry in BC has created increased value, as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP), over the past five years, coinciding with the increases in construction employment. In 2005, GDP generated by the construction industry stood 39% higher than in 2000.

GDP rises, productivity falls



Data source: Labour Force Survey & BC Stats

In the past three years, however, labour productivity—the total output (GDP) created by an hour's labour—has fallen. This decrease in efficiency coincides with the increase in the proportion of workers aged 15-24 in the construction industry, suggesting that—as we might expect—inexperienced workers are not as productive as their more experienced counterparts.

Is a bust looming on the horizon?

The near-term forecast is for continued growth in the construction industry, with a combination of a strong real estate market driving new housing construction and the infrastructure and facilities associated with the 2010 Olympics continuing to increase demand for construction workers. One forecast indicates that during 2006 and 2007, 26,000 more workers will be added to the industry.⁴

The continued boom will, however, put pressure on the labour market, with a very real possibility of labour shortages. These shortages could dampen potential growth, and "BC will have to find the solution in attracting more people, encouraging more people to enter the labour force or using its workers more efficiently."⁵ The outstanding question for the construction industry is can the downward trend in labour productivity be reversed?

⁴ Economic Analysis of British Columbia, BC Labour Market Outlook 2006-2007, vol.26 no.1, February 2006.

⁵ P. White, M. Michalowski and P. Cross, "The West Coast Boom", *Canadian Economic Observer* (Statistics Canada, cat. #11-010), May 2006, p.3.11.

SUMMARY TRENDS

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1996	0.9	1.6	2.9			3.3			0.4	1.7	0.9	1.5	8.7	9.6	5.4
1997	0.7	1.6	2.3			4.5			2.1	2.4	2.1	2.3	8.4	9.1	4.9
1998	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.4	1.4	3.9	1.1	0.5	2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.2	2.7	3.2	0.1	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.9	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.2	0.4	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.6	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
2002	2.3	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2003	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.8	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
2004	2.0	1.9	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.7	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.5	1.3	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
2005 Jan	2.3	2.0	3.0	4.4	3.0	3.8	2.0	1.0	0.8	2.4	1.3	1.3	6.5	7.0	5.2
Feb	2.1	2.1	3.0	2.8	2.5	1.4	0.7	0.4	-1.6	3.7	1.5	1.3	7.0	7.0	5.4
Mar	2.1	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	0.8	0.2	-0.7	3.3	1.4	1.6	6.5	6.9	5.1
Apr	2.0	2.4	3.5	3.5	3.0	3.0	1.5	0.6	-0.5	3.9	1.2	1.8	6.1	6.8	5.1
May	1.5	1.6	2.8	3.7	2.7	2.3	2.2	1.1	-0.5	3.7	1.2	2.0	5.9	6.9	5.1
Jun	1.5	1.7	2.5	3.4	3.5	2.9	1.9	1.8	0.4	2.1	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	5.0
Jul	1.9	2.0	3.2	2.6	3.8	2.7	0.7	1.7	-0.4	2.6	1.3	1.8	6.1	6.8	5.0
Aug	2.1	2.6	3.6	2.2	4.2	1.7	0.1	1.6	-1.9	3.6	1.6	2.1	5.7	6.8	4.9
Sep	2.4	3.4	4.7	1.6	4.2	3.6	-0.8	0.8	-1.0	2.8	1.3	2.1	5.6	6.7	5.1
Oct	2.3	2.6	4.3	0.3	4.0	4.6	-1.9	1.3	0.2	3.3	1.6	2.0	5.1	6.6	4.9
Nov	2.0	2.0	3.5	2.5	3.9	3.5	0.4	1.9	0.1	4.4	1.7	1.7	4.9	6.4	5.0
Dec	1.8	2.2	3.4	1.4	4.0	2.8	-0.4	1.8	-0.6	3.5	1.6	1.9	5.1	6.5	4.9
2006 Jan	1.6	2.8	4.0	1.7	3.5	3.9	0.1	0.7	-0.1	3.1	1.7	2.0	5.1	6.6	4.7
Feb	1.6	2.2	3.6	1.7	3.3	3.5	0.1	1.1	-0.1	3.5	1.7	2.1	4.8	6.4	4.8
Mar	1.8	2.2	3.4	2.9	3.7	4.1	1.1	1.5	0.7	4.0	2.1	2.2	4.4	6.3	4.7
Apr	1.8	2.4	3.5	2.9	3.5	5.1	1.1	1.0	1.5	3.6	1.9	1.8	4.5	6.4	4.7
May	2.3	2.8	4.2	3.2	4.2	2.8	0.9	1.4	-1.3	3.0	2.3	1.7	4.7	6.1	4.6
Jun	2.2	2.5	4.3	3.1	3.6	4.2	0.9	1.1	-0.1	3.2	2.2	1.8	4.3	6.1	4.6
Jul				3.2	3.9	5.3				3.1	2.0	1.6	4.7	6.4	4.8
Aug															
Sep															
Oct															
Nov															
Dec															

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Prepared by: BC STATS

Sources: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey & United States Bureau of Labour Statistics

2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996																						
1997	573.25		612.63		562.34		503.70		508.80		605.28		548.86		488.70		479.75		440.72		495.30	
1998	581.38	1.4	621.21	1.4	574.30	2.1	510.88	1.4	517.48	1.7	612.18	1.1	557.54	1.6	497.82	1.9	494.58	3.1	447.28	1.5	492.94	-0.5
1999	597.08	2.7	628.82	1.2	594.57	3.5	526.79	3.1	532.50	2.9	634.16	3.6	566.69	1.6	506.47	1.7	504.77	2.1	463.69	3.7	496.99	0.8
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2005 Jan	694.21	3.0	708.11	4.4	733.59	5.7	628.21	-0.5	604.42	0.6	735.95	2.2	649.70	3.6	585.92	2.1	588.47	1.4	584.13	4.6	595.40	2.2
Feb	692.65	2.5	704.75	2.8	737.76	7.3	640.84	-0.5	611.65	0.6	732.70	1.0	646.80	3.6	577.21	1.5	585.86	0.8	583.56	3.4	595.80	2.7
Mar	695.40	2.6	697.93	2.9	735.86	6.4	634.16	0.0	620.34	1.2	736.43	1.1	653.42	3.8	580.51	1.7	600.81	2.5	578.40	2.9	610.06	3.9
Apr	699.73	3.0	700.18	3.5	748.15	8.4	624.56	-0.4	623.21	0.6	743.31	2.0	653.09	3.0	574.80	0.3	611.46	3.6	571.19	1.4	602.29	-0.7
May	696.38	2.7	699.26	3.7	745.07	6.7	634.80	2.1	619.32	0.7	735.15	1.4	654.68	2.7	582.38	3.4	608.62	2.6	557.49	-0.7	611.91	4.0
Jun	701.29	3.5	701.03	3.4	749.67	8.0	644.72	2.9	631.95	2.2	741.62	2.8	656.55	2.4	593.30	6.0	618.86	4.5	546.87	-3.1	626.38	6.9
Jul	701.93	3.8	698.58	2.6	757.60	7.6	645.54	2.8	625.11	0.7	746.97	4.8	652.77	1.0	585.71	2.9	610.08	3.5	537.14	-1.8	611.98	7.7
Aug	708.11	4.2	703.02	2.2	762.10	7.0	648.59	3.9	632.63	2.4	752.96	5.6	660.50	1.7	594.71	4.1	608.81	2.9	545.95	-1.7	630.55	8.3
Sep	713.27	4.2	709.61	1.6	775.50	9.0	656.00	5.3	640.21	5.0	757.25	4.9	660.73	1.5	609.50	5.5	615.76	3.8	549.42	-2.1	631.30	6.6
Oct	711.08	4.0	706.73	0.3	775.06	7.9	647.84	3.7	627.05	2.2	752.31	5.3	664.85	2.1	600.48	1.7	615.37	4.7	559.37	-2.2	623.34	3.8
Nov	712.84	3.9	717.99	2.5	779.80	8.4	652.90	4.6	632.78	4.8	751.83	4.3	663.45	1.6	602.58	2.6	608.15	3.8	566.33	-1.5	623.68	4.8
Dec	712.28	4.0	706.56	1.4	785.26	8.9	659.25	6.5	633.08	4.9	751.89	4.4	662.56	1.7	605.21	3.7	614.85	5.1	561.78	-1.0	621.55	5.8
2006 Jan	718.57	3.5	720.31	1.7	801.44	9.2	663.21	5.6	631.52	4.5	754.31	2.5	667.81	2.8	601.69	2.7	619.62	5.3	564.16	-3.4	639.77	7.5
Feb	715.74	3.3	716.86	1.7	789.54	7.0	670.31	4.6	628.65	2.8	756.15	3.2	660.80	2.2	596.64	3.4	612.17	4.5	567.78	-2.7	643.47	8.0
Mar	721.41	3.7	718.33	2.9	793.57	7.8	672.72	6.1	632.89	2.0	761.75	3.4	669.07	2.4	610.32	5.1	616.08	2.5	586.32	1.4	645.90	5.9
Apr	724.06	3.5	720.63	2.9	804.96	7.6	665.85	6.6	640.65	2.8	766.42	3.1	666.70	2.1	601.46	4.6	616.67	0.9	586.53	2.7	646.47	7.3
May	725.85	4.2	721.82	3.2	810.09	8.7	668.93	5.4	645.47	4.2	764.57	4.0	674.24	3.0	596.37	2.4	615.57	1.1	582.80	4.5	650.52	6.3
Jun	726.66	3.6	722.67	3.1	810.65	8.1	666.03	3.3	642.87	1.7	768.39	3.6	673.42	2.6	593.26	0.8	608.34	-1.7	571.95	4.6	645.58	3.1
Jul	729.45	3.9	721.25	3.2	816.99	7.8	670.58	3.9	641.45	2.6	772.43	3.4	677.21	3.7	606.57	3.6	611.28	0.2	568.50	5.8	617.84	1.0
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Jul05	697.37		701.41		743.96		636.12		619.43		738.88		652.43		582.83		603.45		565.54		607.69	
Jan-Jul06	723.11		720.27		803.89		668.23		637.64		763.43		669.89		601.62		614.25		575.43		641.36	
% Change	3.7		2.7		8.1		5.0		2.9		3.3		2.7		3.2		1.8		1.7		5.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.2

PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996																						
1997	15.59		16.91		14.79		13.55		13.81		16.33		15.32		12.90		12.87		11.79		13.16	
1998	15.78	1.2	17.17	1.5	15.15	2.4	13.76	1.5	14.04	1.7	16.48	0.9	15.49	1.1	13.12	1.7	13.20	2.6	11.94	1.3	13.05	-0.8
1999	16.17	2.5	17.34	1.0	15.76	4.0	14.21	3.3	14.48	3.1	17.00	3.2	15.72	1.5	13.34	1.7	13.45	1.9	12.28	2.8	13.06	0.1
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2005 Jan	19.02	2.8	19.61	3.0	19.44	5.8	17.06	-0.6	16.60	-0.6	19.97	2.5	18.40	3.3	15.57	1.2	15.99	0.8	15.92	3.4	16.04	2.0
Feb	18.98	2.4	19.52	1.9	19.43	7.2	17.27	-0.4	17.02	1.4	19.83	1.1	18.43	3.7	15.57	1.7	15.93	0.2	16.03	3.4	16.13	3.7
Mar	19.04	2.8	19.24	2.4	19.41	6.2	17.14	-0.4	17.30	2.4	19.99	1.9	18.53	3.7	15.58	2.0	16.19	1.8	15.97	2.7	16.28	2.3
Apr	19.10	3.0	19.32	2.8	19.72	7.8	16.93	-0.5	17.19	1.2	20.11	2.3	18.41	2.9	15.45	0.7	16.34	1.8	15.80	1.8	16.11	0.8
May	18.89	2.4	19.27	3.0	19.53	5.9	17.02	1.6	17.05	1.3	19.78	1.4	18.27	2.1	15.40	2.9	16.12	1.9	15.08	2.4	16.03	3.1
Jun	18.90	2.8	19.19	2.9	19.52	5.8	17.24	2.7	17.17	1.8	19.88	2.6	18.18	1.6	15.53	5.0	16.33	3.8	14.58	-1.2	15.87	3.7
Jul	18.77	3.2	18.87	1.6	19.45	6.5	17.13	2.5	16.96	2.0	19.81	3.7	18.08	1.7	15.26	2.1	16.02	3.4	14.27	-0.6	15.40	5.0
Aug	18.89	3.7	19.13	2.2	19.57	6.0	17.12	3.0	17.10	3.3	19.92	4.6	18.15	1.6	15.42	3.6	16.05	3.7	14.30	-1.4	15.89	7.4
Sep	19.30	3.8	19.52	1.6	20.08	7.0	17.54	3.6	17.40	4.2	20.34	4.6	18.47	1.6	15.91	4.7	16.46	3.7	14.61	-1.7	16.44	7.6
Oct	19.33	3.9	19.48	0.6	20.17	6.4	17.57	3.5	17.28	3.0	20.29	4.9	18.70	2.6	15.80	1.9	16.50	4.6	14.91	-1.5	16.23	4.3
Nov	19.45	3.9	19.69	1.3	20.32	6.7	17.60	4.0	17.39	4.5	20.37	4.6	18.82	2.6	15.95	2.8	16.46	4.0	15.36	-1.3	16.51	5.5
Dec	19.45	3.8	19.54	0.6	20.42	7.4	17.77	5.3	17.59	6.0	20.38	4.4	18.76	2.1	16.15	4.4	16.45	4.4	15.48	-0.5	16.38	4.8
2006 Jan	19.66	3.4	19.86	1.3	20.87	7.4	18.09	6.0	17.49	5.4	20.55	2.9	18.88	2.6	16.18	3.9	16.71	4.5	15.47	-2.8	16.96	5.7
Feb	19.61	3.3	19.81	1.5	20.61	6.1	18.12	4.9	17.34	1.9	20.58	3.8	18.77	1.8	16.24	4.3	16.74	5.1	15.61	-2.6	17.24	6.9
Mar	19.71	3.5	19.71	2.4	20.76	7.0	18.12	5.7	17.49	1.1	20.67	3.4	18.99	2.5	16.35	4.9	16.76	3.5	16.00	0.2	17.15	5.3
Apr	19.69	3.1	19.77	2.3	21.07	6.8	17.86	5.5	17.49	1.7	20.66	2.7	18.83	2.3	16.18	4.7	16.67	2.0	15.95	0.9	16.90	4.9
May	19.60	3.8	19.66	2.0	20.95	7.3	17.92	5.3	17.46	2.4	20.51	3.7	18.89	3.4	15.83	2.8	16.47	2.2	15.18	0.7	16.63	3.7
Jun	19.56	3.5	19.74	2.9	20.94	7.3	17.80	3.2	17.41	1.4	20.52	3.2	18.75	3.1	15.79	1.7	16.35	0.1	14.85	1.9	16.30	2.7
Jul	19.47	3.7	19.62	4.0	20.88	7.4	17.63	2.9	17.23	1.6	20.48	3.4	18.66	3.2	15.82	3.7	16.21	1.2	14.71	3.1	15.74	2.2
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Jul05	18.96		19.29		19.50		17.11		17.04		19.91		18.33		15.48		16.13		15.38		15.98	
Jan-Jul06	19.61		19.74		20.87		17.93		17.42		20.57		18.82		16.06		16.56		15.40		16.70	
% Change	3.5		2.3		7.0		4.8		2.2		3.3		2.7		3.7		2.6		0.1		4.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	13,421.4		1,816.4		1,405.1		456.8		517.4		5,167.1		3,129.8		305.5		376.9		58.9		187.5	
1997	13,706.0	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	1,451.4	3.3	466.2	2.1	525.6	1.6	5,291.4	2.4	3,172.8	1.4	309.1	1.2	382.0	1.4	58.8	-0.2	188.3	0.4
1998	14,046.2	2.5	1,858.4	-0.1	1,509.9	4.0	470.5	0.9	534.2	1.6	5,453.3	3.1	3,257.5	2.7	315.2	2.0	395.3	3.5	59.6	1.4	192.4	2.2
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2005 Jan	15,678.1	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	1,740.5	1.8	473.4	2.2	567.9	0.9	6,217.0	0.5	3,599.5	1.9	332.9	1.0	426.8	2.2	62.8	4.0	199.3	0.6
Feb	15,769.2	1.5	2,069.8	3.7	1,748.6	1.6	476.3	2.5	573.6	1.7	6,259.3	0.7	3,622.4	1.5	333.6	0.9	425.3	1.3	63.3	4.3	197.2	-0.6
Mar	15,779.8	1.4	2,080.6	3.2	1,755.7	1.6	479.6	3.1	569.6	0.4	6,247.3	1.0	3,620.5	0.9	333.6	0.3	427.6	0.7	63.7	4.3	201.5	0.6
Apr	15,886.3	1.2	2,092.4	3.9	1,754.0	1.0	476.3	0.8	570.6	-0.1	6,312.6	1.2	3,645.9	0.1	336.6	1.6	434.3	1.0	63.5	3.9	200.1	-0.3
May	16,277.0	1.4	2,138.3	3.9	1,800.7	1.9	495.0	1.7	587.0	0.5	6,458.2	1.7	3,698.3	-0.6	359.9	2.1	454.3	1.3	70.6	2.5	214.6	-1.6
Jun	16,489.5	1.0	2,159.2	2.1	1,813.8	1.2	498.0	1.1	589.4	0.4	6,505.1	1.2	3,796.3	0.7	364.0	-0.8	457.7	-0.6	73.3	1.9	232.6	0.0
Jul	16,529.0	1.2	2,161.4	2.6	1,814.9	2.0	497.3	1.7	589.0	1.6	6,486.1	0.9	3,837.8	1.2	368.3	-0.4	458.3	-1.2	73.9	1.7	242.0	-1.1
Aug	16,508.5	1.5	2,166.7	3.5	1,811.9	1.3	492.3	0.6	587.0	0.7	6,507.5	1.4	3,814.1	1.6	367.7	-1.0	460.9	0.5	73.9	1.0	226.3	-1.9
Sep	16,264.6	1.3	2,142.7	2.7	1,786.4	0.7	480.2	-0.5	581.8	0.3	6,419.5	1.7	3,761.0	0.9	357.0	-1.6	443.4	-1.4	70.9	0.7	221.6	1.0
Oct	16,331.4	1.6	2,160.9	3.3	1,791.5	1.8	479.9	-1.2	582.9	0.1	6,473.4	1.8	3,759.0	1.1	351.2	-1.4	447.1	-0.1	69.7	0.3	215.9	1.0
Nov	16,295.1	1.7	2,168.0	4.5	1,796.6	1.7	479.1	-1.0	583.4	0.6	6,459.9	1.8	3,734.3	1.1	351.7	0.3	441.0	-0.6	67.2	-0.3	214.0	3.2
Dec	16,228.1	1.6	2,168.6	3.6	1,798.6	1.9	474.5	-1.3	581.9	0.5	6,427.1	1.4	3,718.2	1.7	349.9	0.9	439.8	-0.5	65.9	0.0	203.5	-2.1
2006 Jan	15,949.1	1.7	2,122.5	3.1	1,780.2	2.3	470.8	-0.5	574.1	1.1	6,337.6	1.9	3,639.1	1.1	342.9	3.0	425.0	-0.4	63.0	0.3	193.9	-2.7
Feb	16,041.7	1.7	2,141.7	3.5	1,812.8	3.7	471.9	-0.9	577.6	0.7	6,340.6	1.3	3,667.5	1.2	342.4	2.6	423.7	-0.4	63.6	0.5	199.9	1.4
Mar	16,106.7	2.1	2,164.9	4.1	1,824.4	3.9	474.4	-1.1	574.2	0.8	6,359.6	1.8	3,675.3	1.5	343.4	2.9	428.7	0.3	63.2	-0.8	198.5	-1.5
Apr	16,195.9	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	1,821.5	3.8	480.0	0.8	582.1	2.0	6,419.6	1.7	3,674.4	0.8	345.4	2.6	436.4	0.5	64.8	2.0	202.6	1.2
May	16,676.0	2.5	2,202.6	3.0	1,899.2	5.5	496.1	0.2	596.5	1.6	6,582.9	1.9	3,789.4	2.5	365.0	1.4	451.8	-0.6	72.7	3.0	220.0	2.5
Jun	16,854.5	2.2	2,226.3	3.1	1,908.8	5.2	503.4	1.1	599.1	1.6	6,624.9	1.8	3,860.0	1.7	373.6	2.6	453.5	-0.9	74.3	1.4	230.8	-0.8
Jul	16,856.8	2.0	2,228.2	3.1	1,897.8	4.6	504.8	1.5	593.2	0.7	6,608.5	1.9	3,887.6	1.3	373.0	1.3	453.0	-1.2	73.5	-0.5	237.1	-2.0
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Jul05	16,058.4		2,108.5		1,775.5		485.1		578.2		6,355.1		3,688.7		347.0		440.6		67.3		212.5	
Jan-Jul06	16,383.0		2,179.3		1,849.2		485.9		585.3		6,467.7		3,741.9		355.1		438.9		67.9		211.8	
% Change	2.0		3.4		4.2		0.2		1.2		1.8		1.4		2.3		-0.4		0.8		-0.3	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996	34.2		33.2		35.8		35.9		34.3		34.4		33.4		35.0		34.0		35.4		33.8	
1997	34.2	0.0	33.0	-0.6	35.8	0.0	35.7	-0.6	34.5	0.6	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	35.1	0.3	34.2	0.6	35.2	-0.6	34.1	0.9
1998	33.9	-0.9	32.5	-1.5	34.8	-2.8	35.0	-2.0	34.3	-0.6	34.5	0.0	33.1	-0.9	34.9	-0.6	34.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.1	34.0	-0.3
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2005 Jan	33.7	-0.3	32.8	1.2	35.3	-1.7	32.8	-3.2	33.6	-0.3	34.1	-0.9	32.7	-0.3	34.8	2.4	33.4	3.4	32.9	2.5	33.6	1.8
Feb	33.8	0.6	33.8	1.2	35.5	3.2	32.9	2.5	33.2	-1.2	34.2	-0.6	32.7	-0.9	34.1	1.8	33.3	24.7	32.5	20.8	34.0	3.0
Mar	33.1	0.6	33.8	7.3	35.8	-0.3	34.4	0.3	33.6	-1.8	32.0	-0.9	33.0	0.0	33.8	-1.7	31.5	3.3	32.1	7.0	33.0	-1.2
Apr	34.6	8.1	34.0	9.0	35.9	8.1	35.8	10.8	34.6	4.2	35.0	5.7	33.7	12.3	33.6	3.1	34.1	8.6	33.5	7.4	33.7	18.2
May	34.7	-0.6	33.8	1.2	36.0	-0.3	37.1	0.3	35.1	2.0	35.0	-1.4	33.5	-1.2	35.0	-0.6	34.9	-1.4	36.1	-4.5	35.5	1.1
Jun	35.0	0.3	33.8	-0.3	36.4	0.8	36.3	0.0	34.9	-1.1	35.3	0.0	34.0	0.6	35.8	1.1	35.1	0.6	36.4	-2.4	37.3	2.5
Jul	32.1	0.3	31.8	-0.9	34.6	1.2	33.4	2.8	32.2	-0.3	32.3	0.6	30.2	-0.3	33.6	3.1	32.5	1.2	34.3	1.8	34.5	-0.6
Aug	32.0	0.0	30.9	-0.3	34.2	0.9	33.4	1.8	32.4	2.2	32.5	0.3	30.3	-1.3	33.4	2.1	31.7	0.6	34.1	3.0	32.2	0.9
Sep	34.8	-0.3	33.5	-1.8	36.8	0.5	36.5	2.5	35.5	2.3	35.0	-0.8	33.6	-0.9	36.7	2.2	34.3	-1.4	35.9	0.0	35.8	1.7
Oct	30.8	0.3	29.4	-2.6	34.0	3.0	33.3	2.5	30.7	-1.6	30.8	0.7	29.5	0.0	32.2	0.3	30.7	0.0	31.9	1.9	32.5	0.6
Nov	32.9	0.3	30.4	-0.7	34.2	3.3	32.1	3.2	30.6	0.3	33.9	-0.6	33.0	0.3	31.7	-0.6	30.8	1.7	30.7	-1.0	32.2	1.6
Dec	34.6	0.0	33.7	0.0	36.9	0.8	34.8	0.3	34.2	-1.2	34.9	-0.3	33.5	-0.3	35.1	-0.3	34.5	-0.3	34.0	0.9	35.0	0.3
2006 Jan	34.3	1.8	33.8	3.0	36.7	4.0	34.3	4.6	33.5	-0.3	34.5	1.2	33.1	1.2	34.5	-0.9	33.6	0.6	33.1	0.6	33.9	0.9
Feb	33.7	-0.3	33.2	-1.8	35.8	0.8	31.9	-3.0	33.3	0.3	34.2	0.0	32.6	-0.3	34.0	-0.3	33.0	-0.9	33.1	1.8	34.2	0.6
Mar	33.0	-0.3	31.4	-7.1	36.4	1.7	34.8	1.2	34.5	2.7	32.2	0.6	33.1	0.3	34.5	2.1	30.3	-3.8	33.5	4.4	34.5	4.5
Apr	30.5	-11.8	29.9	-12.1	32.4	-9.7	31.4	-12.3	30.6	-11.6	30.3	-13.4	30.2	-10.4	31.1	-7.4	30.1	-11.7	29.4	-12.2	30.8	-8.6
May	34.7	0.0	33.8	0.0	36.2	0.6	37.8	1.9	35.5	1.1	35.0	0.0	33.3	-0.6	36.0	2.9	34.8	-0.3	38.3	6.1	36.8	3.7
Jun	35.0	0.0	33.9	0.3	36.4	0.0	36.2	-0.3	35.3	1.1	35.4	0.3	33.6	-1.2	35.9	0.3	34.3	-2.3	38.1	4.7	38.0	1.9
Jul	32.2	0.3	31.8	0.0	34.7	0.3	33.5	0.3	31.8	-1.2	32.6	0.9	30.2	0.0	33.6	0.0	32.8	0.9	34.0	-0.9	35.2	2.0
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Jul05	33.9		33.4		35.6		34.7		33.9		34.0		32.8		34.4		33.5		34.0		34.5	
Jan-Jul06	33.3		32.5		35.5		34.3		33.5		33.5		32.3		34.2		32.7		34.2		34.8	
% Change	-1.5		-2.6		-0.4		-1.2		-1.1		-1.6		-1.6		-0.5		-2.5		0.7		0.7	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

3.1

B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996									377.6		1,194.9		36.3		32.3	
1997	731.93		579.76		18.51		16.47		417.3	10.5	1,443.2	20.8	36.3	0.0	32.0	-0.9
1998	754.02	3.0	584.04	0.7	18.99	2.6	16.66	1.2	408.5	-2.1	1,449.9	0.5	36.0	-0.8	31.5	-1.6
1999	763.14	1.2	594.48	1.8	19.20	1.1	16.86	1.2	393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
2005 Jan	814.25	0.9	681.60	5.2	20.64	0.6	19.35	3.5	438.7	7.7	1,619.3	1.1	35.5	0.9	32.1	1.3
Feb	802.07	0.6	680.21	3.4	20.22	0.4	19.34	2.3	441.7	9.0	1,628.1	2.3	37.8	1.1	32.8	1.5
Mar	802.27	3.5	671.79	2.7	20.10	2.6	19.03	2.4	434.5	6.1	1,646.1	2.5	38.1	5.8	32.7	7.6
Apr	817.72	5.0	671.06	3.2	20.37	3.3	19.06	2.7	443.3	6.1	1,649.1	3.4	38.7	9.9	32.8	9.0
May	816.80	6.2	669.99	3.2	20.40	5.0	18.99	2.5	451.2	4.1	1,687.1	3.8	38.1	1.9	32.7	0.9
Jun	810.45	4.2	672.70	3.2	20.16	4.8	18.94	2.4	465.1	1.8	1,694.1	2.2	38.1	-1.3	32.6	0.0
Jul	796.14	1.0	671.86	3.2	19.65	0.4	18.66	2.0	486.2	3.9	1,675.2	2.2	36.8	0.0	30.3	-1.3
Aug	786.99	0.2	680.54	3.0	19.68	1.0	18.98	2.5	475.2	1.5	1,691.5	4.1	35.9	-0.6	29.5	-0.3
Sep	804.71	-1.2	686.37	2.8	20.06	-1.3	19.39	2.5	449.1	0.3	1,693.6	3.4	38.3	-0.3	32.3	-2.1
Oct	802.39	-1.3	682.91	1.1	20.07	-1.7	19.33	1.4	451.8	-0.8	1,709.1	4.5	33.2	-0.6	28.4	-3.1
Nov	829.00	1.4	690.78	3.1	20.68	0.9	19.44	1.5	452.1	3.3	1,715.9	4.8	33.6	-1.5	29.6	0.0
Dec	809.90	0.9	682.06	1.7	20.43	-0.4	19.33	0.8	443.8	2.0	1,724.9	4.0	37.1	-0.5	32.8	0.0
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	693.64	1.8	20.96	1.6	19.60	1.3	421.5	-3.9	1,701.1	5.1	37.1	4.5	33.0	2.8
Feb	828.76	3.3	690.29	1.5	20.93	3.5	19.55	1.1	442.5	0.2	1,699.2	4.4	36.5	-3.4	32.4	-1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	691.25	2.9	20.94	4.2	19.41	2.0	454.3	4.6	1,710.6	3.9	36.6	-3.9	30.0	-8.3
Apr	820.50	0.3	696.46	3.8	20.69	1.6	19.55	2.6	449.6	1.4	1,719.5	4.3	32.6	-15.8	29.2	-11.0
May	839.29	2.8	692.71	3.4	20.74	1.7	19.39	2.1	460.5	2.1	1,742.0	3.3	37.2	-2.4	33.0	0.9
Jun	825.71	1.9	696.82	3.6	20.57	2.0	19.53	3.1	464.4	-0.2	1,761.9	4.0	38.0	-0.3	32.9	0.9
Jul	819.03	2.9	694.94	3.4	20.37	3.7	19.41	4.0	493.5	1.5	1,734.7	3.6	36.2	-1.6	30.5	0.7
Aug																
Sep																
Oct																
Nov																
Dec																
Average:																
Jan-Jul05	808.53		674.17		20.22		19.05		451.5		1,657.0		37.6		32.3	
Jan-Jul06	828.07		693.73		20.74		19.49		455.2		1,724.1		36.3		31.6	
% Change	2.4		2.9		2.6		2.3		0.8		4.1		-3.4		-2.2	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

3.2A

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996												
1997	731.93		419.45		894.10		891.22		734.88		683.80	
1998	754.02	3.0	448.71	7.0	899.86	0.6	965.38	8.3	748.01	1.8	728.54	6.5
1999	763.14	1.2	518.47	15.5	943.23	4.8	919.16	-4.8	756.61	1.1	706.60	-3.0
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2005 Jan	814.25	0.9	609.90	31.6	1010.20	4.0	935.26	-11.3	800.54	0.1	807.38	1.3
Feb	802.07	0.6	518.67	0.7	977.23	0.7	925.86	-17.5	794.70	0.9	804.70	1.7
Mar	802.27	3.5	549.37	11.2	1025.39	-0.3	962.49	-11.3	776.50	3.5	820.90	3.5
Apr	817.72	5.0	491.26	-1.6	1038.44	5.2	1107.72	15.3	796.33	2.4	829.54	4.8
May	816.80	6.2	455.50	-8.2	1046.63	6.1	1189.24	17.2	802.36	3.5	790.51	6.1
Jun	810.45	4.2	482.83	-7.2	1004.93	2.4	1073.73	12.6	820.27	5.9	764.82	-1.1
Jul	796.14	1.0	520.80	3.2	1029.46	1.8	1095.99	15.1	798.77	-0.2	758.23	0.5
Aug	786.99	0.2	507.95	-1.3	956.76	-6.7	1131.70	10.7	805.60	3.5	744.46	-3.8
Sep	804.71	-1.2	477.14	1.1	1055.95	-1.8	1107.27	0.5	803.93	-0.5	762.24	-5.5
Oct	802.39	-1.3	481.68	6.4	1118.11	-0.3	1073.63	17.7	800.07	-2.0	743.37	-6.2
Nov	829.00	1.4	515.67	10.7	1168.61	14.8	1026.99	22.8	822.51	-0.2	783.19	-3.7
Dec	809.90	0.9	488.40	-4.2	1177.80	13.7	896.76	-2.7	818.74	2.0	756.33	-2.9
2006 Jan	835.07	2.6	507.45	-16.8	1083.22	7.2	1020.34	9.1	843.14	5.3	791.43	-2.0
Feb	828.76	3.3	502.71	-3.1	1082.06	10.7	933.63	0.8	827.25	4.1	814.44	1.2
Mar	828.13	3.2	531.36	-3.3	1087.20	6.0	1264.05	31.3	819.07	5.5	805.71	-1.9
Apr	820.50	0.3	425.55	-13.4	1078.74	3.9	1129.50	2.0	820.83	3.1	819.48	-1.2
May	839.29	2.8	461.01	1.2	1077.79	3.0	1148.99	-3.4	826.91	3.1	847.23	7.2
Jun	825.71	1.9	476.02	-1.4	1068.02	6.3	1141.51	6.3	818.55	-0.2	812.04	6.2
Jul	819.03	2.9	458.28	-12.0	1079.95	4.9	1076.91	-1.7	826.43	3.5	790.55	4.3
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul05	808.53		518.33		1018.90		1041.47		798.50		796.58	
Jan-Jul06	828.07		480.34		1079.57		1102.13		826.03		811.55	
% Change	2.4		-7.3		6.0		5.8		3.4		1.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.2B

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg		
1996																				
1997	579.76		700.83		489.26		590.49		733.47		738.41		604.89		315.46		787.32		612.63	
1998	584.04	0.7	720.07	2.7	481.79	-1.5	631.81	7.0	750.34	2.3	725.43	-1.8	614.73	1.6	328.88	4.3	767.01	-2.6	621.21	1.4
1999	594.48	1.8	733.87	1.9	503.61	4.5	627.82	-0.6	776.25	3.5	738.95	1.9	624.62	1.6	318.75	-3.1	791.92	3.2	628.82	1.2
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2005 Jan	681.60	5.2	852.21	15.1	517.83	4.1	746.37	2.8	891.40	1.8	844.27	12.9	750.98	2.2	386.59	46.1	966.37	2.9	708.11	4.4
Feb	680.21	3.4	812.39	8.2	520.37	-1.2	726.95	-2.6	916.04	10.2	824.99	1.5	747.17	-2.1	390.16	47.7	961.56	5.0	704.75	2.8
Mar	671.79	2.7	817.79	12.5	512.43	-2.6	739.28	-4.6	924.74	9.8	825.58	4.4	720.04	-3.9	367.26	38.2	964.13	8.6	697.93	2.9
Apr	671.06	3.2	807.20	9.2	530.21	1.7	706.98	-4.7	962.01	17.2	832.61	6.5	722.32	-3.6	366.83	40.5	940.15	4.7	700.18	3.5
May	669.99	3.2	820.52	11.9	512.41	1.3	708.38	-5.3	945.56	10.9	850.19	6.2	713.16	-4.7	374.31	36.3	903.96	1.8	699.26	3.7
Jun	672.70	3.2	861.27	12.6	512.76	-3.2	733.42	1.7	899.39	13.4	861.00	4.0	718.84	-0.1	385.24	41.1	929.94	4.3	701.03	3.4
Jul	671.86	3.2	857.03	7.8	516.48	-2.3	714.52	0.1	920.22	14.4	829.92	-6.7	721.87	2.3	396.56	50.3	909.15	2.7	698.58	2.6
Aug	680.54	3.0	833.37	1.5	523.72	0.0	707.78	1.5	941.05	13.9	911.82	-2.1	721.27	1.4	403.44	48.9	943.48	5.1	703.02	2.2
Sep	686.37	2.8	850.18	1.0	544.43	3.6	732.03	6.4	944.09	9.5	841.11	-2.0	729.18	5.0	400.61	47.9	974.86	6.3	709.61	1.6
Oct	682.91	1.1	860.07	-1.6	521.82	-2.5	763.42	11.6	942.04	7.1	870.77	4.1	724.24	-2.1	403.72	52.3	978.94	3.8	706.73	0.3
Nov	690.78	3.1	828.84	-2.0	524.61	-0.6	768.26	10.5	951.24	14.1	882.06	7.0	739.21	0.0	384.09	47.1	979.43	5.3	717.99	2.5
Dec	682.06	1.7	856.03	3.1	526.49	1.9	756.06	4.5	927.60	7.3	861.36	2.0	718.29	-4.0	369.59	41.3	987.13	3.6	706.56	1.4
2006 Jan	693.64	1.8	866.24	1.6	553.17	6.8	788.44	5.6	903.99	1.4	837.86	-0.8	735.18	-2.1	370.93	-4.1	961.52	-0.5	720.31	1.7
Feb	690.29	1.5	850.67	4.7	565.29	8.6	749.20	3.1	924.97	1.0	851.84	3.3	728.34	-2.5	352.16	-9.7	982.29	2.2	716.86	1.7
Mar	691.25	2.9	846.80	3.5	560.31	9.3	758.48	2.6	906.07	-2.0	840.81	1.8	747.09	3.8	362.28	-1.4	932.04	-3.3	718.33	2.9
Apr	696.46	3.8	870.13	7.8	537.55	1.4	765.97	8.3	985.51	2.4	877.54	5.4	744.63	3.1	359.89	-1.9	953.68	1.4	720.63	2.9
May	692.71	3.4	858.97	4.7	551.32	7.6	752.71	6.3	948.81	0.3	844.15	-0.7	745.46	4.5	357.82	-4.4	986.84	9.2	721.82	3.2
Jun	696.82	3.6	872.60	1.3	553.58	8.0	781.51	6.6	956.48	6.3	851.07	-1.2	742.40	3.3	381.10	-1.1	997.81	7.3	722.67	3.1
Jul	694.94	3.4	853.16	-0.5	569.85	10.3	773.83	8.3	997.92	8.4	867.79	4.6	722.55	0.1	383.01	-3.4	947.89	4.3	721.25	3.2
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul05	674.17		832.63		517.50		725.13		922.77		838.37		727.77		380.99		939.32		701.41	
Jan-Jul06	693.73		859.80		555.87		767.16		946.25		853.01		737.95		366.74		966.01		720.27	
% Change	2.9		3.3		7.4		5.8		2.5		1.7		1.4		-3.7		2.8		2.7	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996												
1997	18.51		11.50		21.43		23.55		18.50		17.80	
1998	18.99	2.6	12.04	4.7	21.23	-0.9	25.21	7.0	18.94	2.4	18.62	4.6
1999	19.20	1.1	13.72	14.0	21.93	3.3	24.16	-4.2	19.14	1.1	18.23	-2.1
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2005 Jan	20.64	0.6	15.28	6.1	23.97	0.2	25.02	-9.6	20.20	0.0	21.06	3.6
Feb	20.22	0.4	13.05	-0.5	23.24	1.6	24.49	-18.8	20.21	1.1	20.31	1.4
Mar	20.10	2.6	13.12	-0.8	24.35	4.6	25.48	-10.4	19.79	2.4	20.33	3.3
Apr	20.37	3.3	12.26	-3.8	24.42	0.0	28.77	14.8	20.15	1.8	20.44	3.5
May	20.40	5.0	11.53	-5.6	24.13	-0.9	30.91	17.1	20.36	4.0	19.71	3.9
Jun	20.16	4.8	12.01	-2.2	23.13	-0.7	27.78	15.5	20.61	6.2	19.21	0.7
Jul	19.65	0.4	12.93	9.6	23.30	-2.3	28.26	16.3	19.98	0.3	18.73	-2.4
Aug	19.68	1.0	12.00	-0.8	22.82	-1.8	29.45	18.2	20.23	2.9	18.84	-3.1
Sep	20.06	-1.3	12.36	-1.0	24.39	-0.1	28.47	9.2	20.23	-1.7	19.05	-4.8
Oct	20.07	-1.7	12.24	0.2	25.04	-3.0	28.16	18.1	20.33	-1.4	18.77	-6.6
Nov	20.68	0.9	13.09	1.8	25.68	7.4	26.65	16.7	20.85	1.1	19.70	-4.1
Dec	20.43	-0.4	13.40	-1.6	26.72	8.4	24.12	-4.7	20.84	1.7	19.22	-5.3
2006 Jan	20.96	1.6	13.38	-12.4	24.48	2.1	27.40	9.5	21.43	6.1	19.94	-5.3
Feb	20.93	3.5	14.22	9.0	25.13	8.1	25.33	3.4	21.14	4.6	20.27	-0.2
Mar	20.94	4.2	14.79	12.7	25.43	4.4	30.95	21.5	20.89	5.6	20.36	0.1
Apr	20.69	1.6	12.48	1.8	25.00	2.4	28.90	0.5	20.87	3.6	20.51	0.3
May	20.74	1.7	12.31	6.8	24.21	0.3	29.89	-3.3	20.89	2.6	20.55	4.3
Jun	20.57	2.0	12.89	7.3	24.89	7.6	29.41	5.9	20.57	-0.2	20.19	5.1
Jul	20.37	3.7	11.40	-11.8	25.52	9.5	28.07	-0.7	20.72	3.7	19.68	5.1
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul05	20.22		12.88		23.79		27.24		20.19		19.97	
Jan-Jul06	20.74		13.07		24.95		28.56		20.93		20.21	
% Change	2.6		1.4		4.9		4.8		3.7		1.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service										Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.							
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1996																						
1997	16.47		18.21		13.56		16.15		19.12		22.51		18.51		10.11		21.20				16.91	
1998	16.66	1.2	18.67	2.5	13.58	0.1	17.27	6.9	19.63	2.7	22.20	-1.4	18.78	1.5	10.42	3.1	20.94	-1.2			17.17	1.5
1999	16.86	1.2	19.03	1.9	14.09	3.8	17.15	-0.7	20.47	4.3	22.02	-0.8	18.98	1.1	10.29	-1.2	21.56	3.0			17.34	1.0
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5			17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1			17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1			18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0			19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7			18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3			19.36	1.9
2005 Jan	19.35	3.5	21.43	11.3	15.09	3.4	20.88	5.8	23.43	2.3	25.17	8.0	22.37	-0.3	11.80	1.4	26.20	3.1			19.61	3.0
Feb	19.34	2.3	20.47	5.2	14.99	-3.1	19.98	-2.1	24.07	10.7	25.06	1.5	22.45	-1.0	11.93	4.0	26.26	6.2			19.52	1.9
Mar	19.03	2.4	20.59	10.2	14.91	-0.9	20.06	-3.7	24.32	10.6	24.28	0.5	21.83	-1.8	11.77	2.3	26.04	7.9			19.24	2.4
Apr	19.06	2.7	21.01	9.5	15.13	0.4	19.38	-5.8	24.69	12.8	24.99	4.4	21.54	-2.2	11.74	2.2	25.73	5.1			19.32	2.8
May	18.99	2.5	21.08	9.1	14.73	1.4	19.04	-4.5	24.62	7.6	25.68	4.7	21.29	-4.0	11.82	2.4	25.06	3.3			19.27	3.0
Jun	18.94	2.4	21.43	8.3	14.72	-1.8	19.56	-1.2	23.67	11.7	25.45	1.6	21.59	0.8	11.84	0.9	25.23	3.0			19.19	2.9
Jul	18.66	2.0	21.46	9.2	14.61	-1.7	19.05	-1.6	23.55	11.2	24.52	-2.9	21.31	-0.4	11.90	2.5	24.68	2.3			18.87	1.6
Aug	18.98	2.5	21.09	6.4	14.83	1.0	19.00	-1.2	24.49	11.6	26.32	-0.5	21.91	1.3	12.02	3.4	25.53	4.7			19.13	2.2
Sep	19.39	2.5	21.35	2.9	15.30	3.4	20.02	4.8	24.68	11.3	25.29	-1.7	22.03	2.3	12.42	5.9	26.59	5.3			19.52	1.6
Oct	19.33	1.4	21.40	0.8	15.04	-1.1	20.94	9.2	24.92	11.2	25.34	-1.9	21.90	-0.5	12.46	7.2	26.39	3.3			19.48	0.6
Nov	19.44	1.5	20.94	-0.3	15.03	-0.3	20.66	6.4	24.86	12.9	25.40	-2.8	22.14	-1.2	12.44	7.1	26.49	4.7			19.69	1.3
Dec	19.33	0.8	21.51	0.2	15.22	1.5	20.50	2.1	24.35	7.2	25.10	-2.4	21.95	-3.1	11.92	5.7	26.58	3.5			19.54	0.6
2006 Jan	19.60	1.3	21.79	1.7	15.75	4.4	20.97	0.4	23.62	0.8	24.44	-2.9	22.47	0.4	12.06	2.2	25.79	-1.6			19.86	1.3
Feb	19.55	1.1	21.24	3.8	16.07	7.2	20.14	0.8	24.21	0.6	25.83	3.1	21.85	-2.7	11.67	-2.2	26.29	0.1			19.81	1.5
Mar	19.41	2.0	21.26	3.3	15.77	5.8	20.36	1.5	23.77	-2.3	24.84	2.3	22.22	1.8	11.71	-0.5	25.32	-2.8			19.71	2.4
Apr	19.55	2.6	21.74	3.5	15.33	1.3	20.49	5.7	25.72	4.2	25.86	3.5	22.11	2.6	11.48	-2.2	25.70	-0.1			19.77	2.3
May	19.39	2.1	21.53	2.1	15.35	4.2	20.53	7.8	24.79	0.7	25.14	-2.1	22.02	3.4	11.27	-4.7	26.42	5.4			19.66	2.0
Jun	19.53	3.1	21.83	1.9	15.55	5.6	21.28	8.8	25.05	5.8	25.35	-0.4	21.97	1.8	11.72	-1.0	26.85	6.4			19.74	2.9
Jul	19.41	4.0	21.14	-1.5	15.72	7.6	21.00	10.2	26.34	11.8	25.17	2.7	21.68	1.7	11.56	-2.9	25.68	4.1			19.62	4.0
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Jul05	19.05		21.07		14.88		19.71		24.05		25.02		21.77		11.83		25.60				19.29	
Jan-Jul06	19.49		21.50		15.65		20.68		24.79		25.23		22.05		11.64		26.01				19.74	
% Change	2.3		2.1		5.1		4.9		3.1		0.8		1.3		-1.6		1.6				2.3	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	408.2		30.7		32.3		5.2		17.6		192.8		23.8		42.9		22.9		119.3	
1997	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	32.2	-0.3	5.4	3.8	16.3	-7.4	196.2	1.8	25.1	5.5	44.6	4.0	23.1	0.9	123.1	3.2
1998	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	30.2	-6.2	3.4	-37.0	17.7	8.6	195.9	-0.2	25.6	2.0	43.4	-2.7	22.7	-1.7	117.2	-4.8
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2005 Jan	438.7	7.7	34.4	10.3	19.2	3.2	n.a.	n.a.	13.8	27.8	203.8	-2.3	38.6	-8.3	39.2	-18.2	12.5	19.0	158.6	28.3
Feb	441.7	9.0	35.2	8.6	22.5	4.2	1.6	-51.5	12.7	13.4	201.6	-3.4	39.7	23.3	42.9	-10.8	12.4	13.8	158.6	32.7
Mar	434.5	6.1	37.5	9.3	19.5	-8.0	n.a.	n.a.	14.3	55.4	195.4	-5.0	37.7	25.2	43.7	-20.1	12.9	37.2	157.1	24.4
Apr	443.3	6.1	40.7	8.2	21.8	16.6	n.a.	n.a.	12.0	39.5	193.1	-7.6	33.7	13.9	41.2	-17.4	13.8	32.7	163.9	25.1
May	451.2	4.1	39.0	-6.0	25.3	29.7	3.1	-13.9	12.4	19.2	196.0	-7.5	35.4	21.2	42.4	-11.1	13.8	-4.2	162.5	19.6
Jun	465.1	1.8	42.8	-0.9	25.4	1.2	4.9	63.3	12.8	20.8	194.3	-8.6	30.1	-2.3	46.0	-0.9	11.0	-24.7	171.5	12.8
Jul	486.2	3.9	49.6	14.8	23.7	-14.1	2.0	-20.0	14.4	42.6	205.9	-6.5	35.6	42.4	50.1	-0.4	12.5	-8.1	177.5	14.4
Aug	475.2	1.5	45.3	5.6	23.8	3.9	1.7	-55.3	14.6	36.4	199.7	-9.4	30.5	3.4	49.5	9.3	12.7	6.7	178.8	13.5
Sep	449.1	0.3	37.9	7.1	21.6	-1.8	1.7	-34.6	13.7	23.4	197.7	-7.8	25.2	-7.7	47.0	4.4	9.6	-16.5	166.2	8.2
Oct	451.8	-0.8	37.3	-0.8	22.1	3.3	3.2	33.3	14.3	10.9	194.1	-7.8	25.4	-23.0	51.7	22.2	9.9	-22.0	171.1	5.4
Nov	452.1	3.3	30.5	-1.6	16.7	-16.1	1.6	0.0	15.6	18.2	206.7	-0.8	22.6	-36.3	48.1	15.1	13.2	20.0	172.9	10.5
Dec	443.8	2.0	34.6	4.5	17.8	-9.6	2.5	n.a.	15.0	1.4	189.5	-7.1	23.4	-29.7	47.6	10.2	13.0	0.0	177.1	14.6
2006 Jan	421.5	-3.9	29.1	-15.4	16.1	-16.1	3.5	n.a.	17.3	25.4	184.9	-9.3	20.8	-46.1	45.6	16.3	12.2	-2.4	161.9	2.1
Feb	442.5	0.2	31.4	-10.8	18.8	-16.4	3.5	118.8	15.4	21.3	200.0	-0.8	27.4	-31.0	46.0	7.2	12.8	3.2	165.5	4.4
Mar	454.3	4.6	34.7	-7.5	20.3	4.1	2.6	n.a.	14.9	4.2	203.8	4.3	24.2	-35.8	50.4	15.3	12.2	-5.4	170.8	8.7
Apr	449.6	1.4	36.0	-11.5	15.8	-27.5	2.5	n.a.	16.2	35.0	198.4	2.7	27.2	-19.3	47.7	15.8	14.4	4.3	174.1	6.2
May	460.5	2.1	36.8	-5.6	19.6	-22.5	2.8	-9.7	18.2	46.8	203.7	3.9	26.4	-25.4	48.6	14.6	18.4	33.3	171.4	5.5
Jun	464.4	-0.2	34.9	-18.5	24.3	-4.3	3.8	-22.4	17.6	37.5	193.6	-0.4	22.8	-24.3	41.8	-9.1	17.8	61.8	181.4	5.8
Jul	493.5	1.5	39.9	-19.6	25.0	5.5	2.8	40.0	18.0	25.0	203.5	-1.2	21.5	-39.6	45.5	-9.2	15.2	21.6	195.1	9.9
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul05	451.5		39.9		22.5		n.a.	n.a.	13.2		198.6		35.8		43.6		12.7		164.2	
Jan-Jul06	455.2		34.7		20.0		n.a.	n.a.	16.8		198.3		24.3		46.5		14.7		174.3	
% Change	0.8		-13.0		-11.1		n.a.	n.a.	27.3		-0.2		-32.1		6.6		15.9		6.1	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		786.6		118.4		183.3		140.8		106.1		1,816.4	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	809.1	2.9	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	100.7	-5.1	1,860.5	2.4
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	838.5	3.6	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	93.8	-6.9	1,858.4	-0.1
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2005 Jan	1,619.3	1.1	112.2	-5.1	319.5	-3.6	128.3	1.4	968.6	4.0	145.0	0.6	220.4	2.8	168.9	7.8	90.7	-3.7	2,058.0	2.5
Feb	1,628.1	2.3	109.9	-3.9	315.6	0.9	130.9	5.6	980.2	3.8	153.8	4.9	218.9	4.8	163.0	-2.6	91.5	-5.1	2,069.8	3.7
Mar	1,646.1	2.5	112.2	0.1	326.2	1.7	137.3	6.8	977.3	3.4	148.9	8.4	216.4	-0.9	164.8	-3.3	93.2	-6.2	2,080.6	3.2
Apr	1,649.1	3.4	108.2	-6.0	317.2	2.8	131.7	0.5	1,000.6	5.8	154.0	14.0	213.7	-1.0	179.1	2.3	91.5	-3.9	2,092.4	3.9
May	1,687.1	3.8	118.8	2.3	326.2	4.6	134.9	3.8	1,003.2	3.6	153.0	10.4	208.3	-3.6	179.3	3.6	104.0	5.8	2,138.3	3.9
Jun	1,694.1	2.2	118.2	-4.2	318.0	1.9	139.8	9.6	1,019.2	2.5	154.7	11.6	209.7	-6.6	178.9	-2.7	99.1	0.1	2,159.2	2.1
Jul	1,675.2	2.2	129.6	3.6	323.0	1.2	135.6	8.2	990.3	2.0	129.8	15.4	211.9	-3.8	189.8	1.4	96.7	-1.8	2,161.4	2.6
Aug	1,691.5	4.1	126.3	7.1	336.1	8.9	137.0	2.8	990.7	2.8	125.2	18.6	220.2	0.6	182.7	-1.9	101.3	-0.7	2,166.7	3.5
Sep	1,693.6	3.4	128.9	9.5	342.6	9.4	127.4	-1.1	998.6	1.9	148.0	5.1	220.7	-2.9	176.7	0.4	96.1	-2.0	2,142.7	2.7
Oct	1,709.1	4.5	122.7	5.3	362.7	16.4	129.2	-2.0	1,001.4	2.2	140.9	0.3	225.1	2.7	175.0	1.4	93.1	-3.4	2,160.9	3.3
Nov	1,715.9	4.8	121.2	8.6	362.8	15.4	131.9	0.9	1,009.5	2.4	146.4	0.3	225.7	1.9	172.5	-1.8	90.5	-3.8	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	1,724.9	4.0	115.8	5.2	365.5	12.8	131.1	-1.7	1,018.5	2.2	153.2	5.7	218.2	-3.4	178.6	-0.8	93.9	-0.8	2,168.6	3.6
2006 Jan	1,701.1	5.1	122.0	8.7	350.5	9.7	128.0	-0.2	1,006.0	3.9	159.6	10.1	210.6	-4.4	171.1	1.3	94.6	4.3	2,122.5	3.1
Feb	1,699.2	4.4	125.4	14.1	355.6	12.7	129.4	-1.1	998.1	1.8	161.5	5.0	213.2	-2.6	168.8	3.6	90.6	-1.0	2,141.7	3.5
Mar	1,710.6	3.9	123.1	9.7	358.6	9.9	132.7	-3.4	1,003.5	2.7	158.9	6.7	224.3	3.7	159.2	-3.4	92.8	-0.4	2,164.9	4.1
Apr	1,719.5	4.3	119.9	10.8	360.5	13.7	129.5	-1.7	1,018.2	1.8	158.0	2.6	224.1	4.9	166.4	-7.1	91.4	-0.1	2,169.1	3.7
May	1,742.0	3.3	122.2	2.9	362.7	11.2	132.3	-1.9	1,031.6	2.8	155.9	1.9	237.3	13.9	168.4	-6.1	93.0	-10.6	2,202.6	3.0
Jun	1,761.9	4.0	125.1	5.8	366.2	15.2	136.4	-2.4	1,045.8	2.6	159.4	3.0	243.7	16.2	172.0	-3.9	88.5	-10.7	2,226.3	3.1
Jul	1,734.7	3.6	117.3	-9.5	345.5	7.0	141.7	4.5	1,034.2	4.4	137.6	6.0	245.4	15.8	174.8	-7.9	95.9	-0.8	2,228.2	3.1
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul05	1,657.0		115.6		320.8		134.1		991.3		148.5		214.2		174.8		95.2		2,108.5	
Jan-Jul06	1,724.1		122.1		357.1		132.9		1,019.6		155.8		228.4		168.7		92.4		2,179.3	
% Change	4.1		5.7		11.3		-0.9		2.9		5.0		6.6		-3.5		-3.0		3.4	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5A

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1996	36.3		38.9		37.7		32.8		36.5		35.1	
1997	36.3	0.0	36.8	-5.4	38.4	1.9	36.0	9.8	36.2	-0.8	35.2	0.3
1998	36.0	-0.8	38.3	4.1	38.8	1.0	34.2	-5.0	35.8	-1.1	34.7	-1.4
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2005 Jan	35.5	0.9	32.0	5.6	38.4	-4.2	39.7	15.1	37.6	4.4	32.7	-3.8
Feb	37.8	1.1	33.3	-5.7	41.4	0.2	39.5	10.0	38.0	2.4	37.5	0.0
Mar	38.1	5.8	37.1	12.4	39.9	7.8	36.1	23.2	37.6	5.0	38.5	2.9
Apr	38.7	9.9	38.3	8.5	36.6	15.5	38.1	40.1	38.8	7.8	39.0	10.8
May	38.1	1.9	39.5	0.0	42.8	11.7	38.7	7.2	36.7	0.0	38.1	1.6
Jun	38.1	-1.3	40.4	-0.7	41.7	1.0	34.1	11.4	38.4	2.7	36.6	-7.3
Jul	36.8	0.0	40.2	12.0	43.5	7.1	35.0	8.7	35.4	-1.4	36.2	-3.7
Aug	35.9	-0.6	39.2	-0.8	41.1	-1.2	32.4	2.9	35.0	0.3	35.2	-1.9
Sep	38.3	-0.3	37.3	1.1	43.6	4.3	32.4	-15.2	37.6	-1.3	38.5	0.5
Oct	33.2	-0.6	35.3	-13.3	36.0	-3.7	34.3	37.8	32.0	-1.8	33.3	3.1
Nov	33.6	-1.5	33.3	-8.5	39.5	-0.5	31.9	10.0	32.5	-2.7	33.9	1.2
Dec	37.1	-0.5	35.9	0.3	42.2	8.5	35.8	7.8	38.2	0.0	35.3	-2.2
2006 Jan	37.1	4.5	31.6	-1.3	42.0	9.4	34.2	-13.9	37.6	0.0	36.6	11.9
Feb	36.5	-3.4	30.3	-9.0	37.8	-8.7	35.9	-9.1	36.9	-2.9	36.8	-1.9
Mar	36.6	-3.9	29.1	-21.6	39.4	-1.3	43.9	21.6	37.0	-1.6	36.6	-4.9
Apr	32.6	-15.8	32.4	-15.4	38.6	5.5	34.3	-10.0	32.5	-16.2	31.5	-19.2
May	37.2	-2.4	36.3	-8.1	39.0	-8.9	36.8	-4.9	36.7	0.0	37.4	-1.8
Jun	38.0	-0.3	37.0	-8.4	40.8	-2.2	40.9	19.9	38.0	-1.0	37.4	2.2
Jul	36.2	-1.6	38.2	-5.0	37.2	-14.5	32.3	-7.7	36.6	3.4	35.4	-2.2
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul05	37.6		37.3		40.6		37.3		37.5		36.9	
Jan-Jul06	36.3		33.6		39.3		36.9		36.5		36.0	
% Change	-3.4		-9.9		-3.3		-1.1		-2.7		-2.7	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg		
1996	32.3		35.5		33.1		33.4		36.4		29.8		29.3		29.5		33.2		33.2	
1997	32.0	-0.9	36.2	2.0	33.2	0.3	33.8	1.2	35.3	-3.0	29.3	-1.7	29.3	0.0	29.4	-0.3	33.1	-0.3	33.0	-0.6
1998	31.5	-1.6	35.6	-1.7	31.9	-3.9	33.6	-0.6	34.5	-2.3	27.9	-4.8	28.6	-2.4	30.4	3.4	32.8	-0.9	32.5	-1.5
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2005 Jan	32.1	1.3	36.2	2.3	30.4	-1.9	33.6	2.4	35.4	-2.7	31.8	-2.5	32.4	7.3	30.0	6.8	34.2	2.1	32.8	1.2
Feb	32.8	1.5	37.8	5.3	31.1	0.0	33.9	0.9	37.0	-4.9	31.8	-0.9	30.2	-0.3	30.9	9.2	34.6	-2.0	33.8	1.2
Mar	32.7	7.6	37.4	1.9	31.4	0.0	33.9	4.0	37.6	2.2	31.6	116.4	31.0	7.6	28.3	0.0	34.0	2.7	33.8	7.3
Apr	32.8	9.0	36.3	2.0	32.5	6.9	34.3	11.7	37.4	12.7	33.1	20.4	30.3	9.4	28.5	2.5	35.4	24.6	34.0	9.0
May	32.7	0.9	37.4	-0.5	31.8	1.3	35.1	2.3	35.3	-4.6	32.4	6.9	31.9	2.2	29.0	0.7	32.6	-5.5	33.8	1.2
Jun	32.6	0.0	38.8	-1.8	31.9	-2.1	33.9	2.7	35.9	0.3	33.1	9.2	30.5	2.0	30.2	0.3	32.7	-2.1	33.8	-0.3
Jul	30.3	-1.3	37.4	-1.3	30.5	-3.8	32.1	-3.0	33.4	-3.2	15.6	2.6	29.4	5.8	30.9	2.0	32.0	1.3	31.8	-0.9
Aug	29.5	-0.3	34.9	-3.9	30.2	-2.9	31.8	3.9	32.2	-2.4	13.8	-13.8	27.4	1.9	30.5	4.8	29.1	-7.6	30.9	-0.3
Sep	32.3	-2.1	35.9	-5.0	31.7	-2.5	32.9	-1.5	35.3	-8.1	33.3	2.1	30.3	2.0	30.4	-0.3	32.0	-2.1	33.5	-1.8
Oct	28.4	-3.1	34.3	2.1	29.3	1.7	29.1	-2.7	32.3	4.5	17.6	-35.5	27.0	-0.7	28.3	-2.7	30.0	6.4	29.4	-2.6
Nov	29.6	0.0	33.6	-2.3	29.5	1.4	30.7	3.0	32.1	-0.3	28.0	9.8	28.3	0.7	27.2	-11.4	30.1	4.5	30.4	-0.7
Dec	32.8	0.0	38.1	4.4	32.7	3.5	33.6	3.4	36.8	-1.6	33.6	4.7	30.7	-1.6	28.8	-4.6	33.8	-6.9	33.7	0.0
2006 Jan	33.0	2.8	37.7	4.1	32.7	7.6	34.9	3.9	37.8	6.8	33.5	5.3	30.4	-6.2	28.4	-5.3	35.3	3.2	33.8	3.0
Feb	32.4	-1.2	37.6	-0.5	31.2	0.3	33.4	-1.5	36.9	-0.3	31.8	0.0	31.5	4.3	27.2	-12.0	35.1	1.4	33.2	-1.8
Mar	30.0	-8.3	36.0	-3.7	30.7	-2.2	32.7	-3.5	34.4	-8.5	18.6	-41.1	27.9	-10.0	28.0	-1.1	31.7	-6.8	31.4	-7.1
Apr	29.2	-11.0	34.3	-5.5	29.1	-10.5	29.6	-13.7	30.8	-17.6	28.5	-13.9	26.7	-11.9	27.5	-3.5	29.3	-17.2	29.9	-12.1
May	33.0	0.9	37.3	-0.3	32.4	1.9	33.0	-6.0	35.7	1.1	31.8	-1.9	30.4	-4.7	29.2	0.7	36.5	12.0	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.9	0.9	38.6	-0.5	31.6	-0.9	33.0	-2.7	35.3	-1.7	33.1	0.0	31.0	1.6	30.5	1.0	34.5	5.5	33.9	0.3
Jul	30.5	0.7	38.1	1.9	31.5	3.3	28.9	-10.0	33.9	1.5	17.4	11.5	29.4	0.0	30.6	-1.0	31.4	-1.9	31.8	0.0
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul05	32.3		37.3		31.4		33.8		36.0		29.9		30.8		29.7		33.6		33.4	
Jan-Jul06	31.6		37.1		31.3		32.2		35.0		27.8		29.6		28.8		33.4		32.5	
% Change	-2.2		-0.7		-0.2		-4.8		-2.9		-7.0		-3.9		-3.1		-0.7		-2.6	

* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Calderbank at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Calderbank@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Articles published in previous editions can be found on our internet site at : www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

